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WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication dated May 18, 2005, setting a one-month term for reply.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), a one-month extension of the term for reply, *i.e.*, up to and including July 18, 2005 is requested. A check in the amount of \$60.00 for the small-entity fee required under §1.17(a) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fee for the extension, or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or to credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.